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Dear Dr. David:

Thank you for your letter of September 16, 1985 referring to my letter of September 5 to Mr. Limbach regarding PCB levels at the Arbuckle PSD and Oak Hill water supplies.

If you will re-read my letter, you will note that the letter did not indicate that  $< 1$  ppm is equal to zero. The letter did state, ". . . no PCBs were detected." As a point of interest, the sensitivity of the laboratory instruments and methodology used by the Department's Environmental Health Services Laboratory is one (1) ug/l (1 ppb) and we have been advised that the sensitivity levels of analyses performed at the Bellville Laboratory of the American Water Works Service Company is likewise one (1) ug/l.

My letter of September 16 was intended to lay to rest various misconceptions, misunderstandings and rumors regarding the quality of water from the Oak Hill system. I state again for the record; based on the information available to the Department, no PCBs have been detected in the Minden Spring, the Arbuckle PSD or the Oak Hill Water Supply. This Department will, of course, continue to periodically sample the supply for PCBs and we will monitor the results of testing performed by the West Virginia Water Company.

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If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Mr. James Hodges, P.E., Assistant Director, Environmental Engineering Division, Office of Environmental Health Services, telephone 348-2981.

Sincerely,

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